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Title: COVER PIECE AND METHOD FOR)
COFFEE CUP LIDS)

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

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REMARKS

The references listed on the attached Form PTO/SB/08A were disclosed by the Applicant and/or introduced by the Examiner during the prosecution of parent application Serial No. 10/157,383 filed 5/28/02. Therefore, copies of these references are not enclosed herewith, but can be provided at the Examiner's request.

CONCLUSION

The Applicant respectfully submits that these references, taken alone or in combination, neither anticipate nor render obvious the present invention. Consideration of the foregoing in relation to the pending application is respectfully requested. If there is any matter which could be expedited by consultation with the Applicant's attorney, such would be welcome. The Applicant's attorney can normally be reached at the telephone number below.

Signed at Bellingham, County of Whatcom, State of Washington, this 11th day of August, 2004.

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